



# COMMANDER'S CORNER

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## Intell brigade welcomes multi-compo units to fold

*The Commander's Corner is a weekly feature dedicated to giving valuable command information to the Fort Lewis community. This week, Command Sgt. Maj. James Singletary of the 201st Military Intelligence Brigade gives readers information about a recent change within the structure of the brigade. Last month, the headquarters detachment was reorganized as an Army Reserve asset. This restructuring further emphasizes the brigade's and 1st Corps' reliance on reserve component soldiers to meet our mission requirements and adds a great deal to our designation as a true multi-component unit.*

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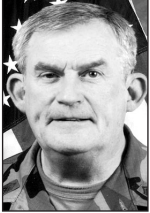
What is multi-compo you ask? It is a term used for units that are staffed with soldiers belonging to different components of today's Army. As of Sept. 16, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the 201st Military Intelligence Brigade became the newest member of the Army Reserve. The 201st MI Bde. has supported Fort Lewis and 1st Corps for many years and it will continue as one of Fort Lewis' major subordinate commands, but it will also

be a unit within the 70th Regional Readiness Command in Seattle. The 70th RRC is the regional headquarters for more than 4,000 Army Reservists in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The soldiers assigned to the 201st MI Bde. now belong to three different components of the Army. First, we have active duty soldiers. Second, we have full-time Army Reserve soldiers. And third, the remaining positions are filled by traditional Army Reserve soldiers.

The brigade headquarters is the only portion of the 201st structure considered multi-compo. Converting a unit to multi-compo has surfaced many issues that require cooperation and communication between the different components.

The 201st MI Bde. headquarters also provides guidance and support to the following units today. The 502nd MI Battalion supports the everyday intelligence needs of Fort Lewis and all of its units. So when the units on Fort Lewis participate in exercises at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., or the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., the soldiers of the



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201st and 502nd provide the required intelligence support at these training events.

The 201st also provides guidance and leadership to the 250th MI Bn., a National Guard unit headquartered in the greater Los Angeles area.

Another National Guard unit attached to the 201st for guidance is Company F, 425th MI Bn., located in Lansing, Mich. These units look to the 201st to provide leadership, guidance and assist in the development of training opportunities for their soldiers in addition to their normal annual training cycles.

The Department of the Army has recently approved the organization of a new Army Reserve MI battalion. This unit is identified as the 373rd MI Bn. and it will be staffed in the Fort Lewis area of operation. It will become part of the 201st structure and much of the

upcoming two years will be spent recruiting Army Reserve soldiers to fill its staffing needs and planning its future. It will be in carrier status until September 2005. Exact locations have not yet been identified for the companies that will make up this battalion.

My expectation for the brigade is we continue to build on past successes to leverage reserve intelligence support to benefit the corps and become a model for success for the multi-compo process. There are exciting opportunities for soldiers to serve in the military intelligence community around Fort Lewis and the future promises to offer even more.

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*(Editor's Note: Next week Col. Richard W. Swengros, commander 1st Military Police Brigade talks about the MP mission of supporting the Fort Lewis community on Channel 21, Fort Lewis' closed circuit television station. Swengros explains some of the things soldiers and involved members of the community can do to ensure a safe and secure environment at Fort Lewis as we head into the winter season. The interview will be aired Mondays through Sundays, 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.)*

### RETIREEES

The following soldiers recently retired out of Fort Lewis.

#### Enlisted retirees:

**Poole**, Elton C., master sergeant, 1st Personnel Group;  
**Rider**, Byron S., sergeant first class, 22nd Personnel Support Battalion;  
**Rodriguez-Gregory**, Jose, staff sergeant, 1st Special Forces Group;  
**Sayre**, John A., staff sergeant, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment;  
**Smith**, David W., sergeant first class, 201st Military Intelligence Brigade;  
**Stapleton**, William A., 25th Corps Support Battalion;  
**Szeto**, Scott C., staff sergeant, 32nd Combat Service Support Company;  
**Townsend**, Lyndon F., sergeant first class, 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment;  
**Trobough**, Russell J., sergeant first class, 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment;  
**Weiss**, Richard L., staff sergeant, 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion;  
**White**, Robert E., sergeant first class, 51st Military Police Company;  
**Williamson**, Tracy A., sergeant first class, Salt Lake City Recruiting Battalion; and  
**Young**, Robert P., master sergeant, 4th Region Reserve Officer Training Corps.

#### Officer retirees:

**Coleman**, Charles V., major, Madigan Army Medical Center;  
**Demartelaere**, Michael C., chief warrant officer, 25th Corps Support Battalion;  
**Dodson**, Anthony R., chief warrant officer, 54th Medical Company (Air Ambulance);  
**Duppler**, Lawrence P., major, 1st Corps;  
**Halkard**, Elisabetta F., chief warrant officer, 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion;  
**Herschberger**, Gary A., lieutenant colonel, Madigan Army Medical Center;  
**Hill**, William O., chief warrant officer, 304th Logistics Support Company;  
**Joplin**, David C., major, 364th Engineer Battalion;  
**Knapp**, Cindylee M., lieutenant colonel, Initial Brigade Coordination Cell;  
**Manning**, Jackie L., chief warrant officer, 1st Personnel Group;  
**Olson**, Jeremy L., lieutenant colonel, 4th Region Reserve Officer Training Corps;  
**Parmley**, Vernon C., colonel, Madigan Army Medical Center;  
**Rowley**, Catarina, captain, 1st Corps;  
**Watts**, James M. Jr., chief warrant officer, 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion; and  
**Wilcox**, Sandra L., colonel, Madigan Army Medical Center.

## In-state tuition information now available to the Army family online

### Army Continuing Education sets Web site for soldiers to meet school requirements

Army News Service news release

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Army Continuing Education System launched the In-State Tuition Web site Sept. 15.

“The site provides information on state policies and laws regarding in-state tuition eligibility requirements for military personnel and their families,”

said Mike Tevnan, education specialist at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

The site will also track the initiative's progress to achieve common policies in all states, Tevnan said.

The Army contacted each state asking them to consider their residency requirements for in-state tuition in light of the Army's goals for common policies. The desired outcome, Tevnan said, is eligibility for in-state tuition rates under each of the following conditions: in-state tuition for soldiers and family members within the state of legal residence; immediate in-state tuition for soldiers and family members

in the state of assignment; and continuity of in-state tuition once established.

Users of the new Web site will be able to tell whether a particular state meets all three criteria by simply clicking on “Summary by State.” A map will then pop onto the screen and users can click on the state of interest.

Other features of the Web site include a section of “Frequently Asked Questions,” which can serve as a starting point for those accessing the site, Tevnan said.

In addition, a news section on the home page discusses any new developments or updates related to in-state tuition, and the references section will

provide links to military education Web sites, scholarship Web sites, and other important information that may be of further assistance.

Currently, 43 states have policy or legislation that meets two of the three goals, 19 of which meet all three criteria of the model policy, Tevnan said.

Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, South Dakota, Vermont and Virginia still have policies that are unfavorable to the military or no policy at all, he said.

The In-State Tuition Web site can be accessed by logging onto the ACES Web site at [www.armyeducation.army.mil/InState/index.HTM](http://www.armyeducation.army.mil/InState/index.HTM).